

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A natural rubber latex in which glucans contained in the latex are decomposed, wherein enzyme treatment with an  $\alpha$ -amylase  ~~$\alpha$ -glucan-decomposing enzyme~~ and/or a cellulase  ~~$\beta$ -glucan-decomposing enzyme~~ is carried out for the decomposition of the glucans, ~~and without a protease enzyme.~~

2. (canceled).

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): The natural rubber latex as described in claim 1, wherein an addition amount of the  $\alpha$ -amylase  ~~$\alpha$ -glucan-decomposing enzyme~~ falls in a range of 0.005 to 0.5 mass part per 100 mass parts of the latex solid component.

5. (canceled).

6. (currently amended): The natural rubber latex as described in claim 1, wherein an addition amount of the  ~~$\beta$ -glucan-decomposing enzyme~~ cellulase falls in a range of 0.005 to 0.5 mass part per 100 mass parts of the latex solid component.

7. (previously presented): The natural rubber latex as described in claim 1, wherein treatment with a surfactant is carried out in addition to the enzyme treatment.

8. (previously presented): The natural rubber latex as described in claim 1, wherein the enzyme treatment is carried out at a temperature of 70°C or lower.

9. (currently amended): A natural rubber obtained from a natural rubber latex in which glucans contained in the latex are decomposed, wherein enzyme treatment with an  $\alpha$ -amylase ~~$\alpha$ -glucan decomposing enzyme~~ and/or a cellulase ~~$\beta$ -glucan decomposing enzyme~~ is carried out for the decomposition of the glucans,~~and without a protease enzyme.~~

10. (original): A rubber composition using the natural rubber as described in claim 9.

11. (original): A tire characterized by using the rubber composition as described in claim 10.

12. (currently amended): A production process for a natural rubber, wherein it is produced by subjecting a natural rubber latex to enzyme treatment with an  $\alpha$ -amylase ~~$\alpha$ -glucan decomposing enzyme~~ and/or a  $\beta$ -glucan decomposing enzyme~~cellulase~~ to decompose glucans contained therein,~~and without a protease enzyme.~~

13. (original): The production process for a natural rubber as described in claim 12, wherein the enzyme treatment is carried out at a temperature of 70°C or lower.

14. (previously presented): The production process for a natural rubber as described in claim 12, wherein treatment with a surfactant is carried out in addition to the enzyme treatment.

15.-16. (canceled).

17-19. (canceled).

20. (previously presented): The production process for a natural rubber as described in claim 13, wherein treatment with a surfactant is carried out in addition to the enzyme treatment.